



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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## Christmas Party—December 13, 1999



Some people had just desserts



Bobbie Wood, Darrell Jordan and Mary Chambers put down their tools long enough to smile for Santa at the Christmas Party.

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Another party photo, p. 3



Rosemary Carrigan and the gang enjoying the Christmas Party



Director Rita Pearson draws winning numbers with help from Debbie Carter, Teresa Zelek and Joe Smith



Kathy Donoghue helps herself at the ADWR Christmas Party.



## Name the Newsletter

The world's longest "Name That Newsletter" contest is rounding the turn for home.

After consultation among staff and examining the entries submitted, the staff of the "ADWR News" came up with a short list of candidates.

There are seven names from among the entries that made the final lists of the judges. Please choose one and send your choice to **Debbie Carter** by email.

Here are the nominees:

- Waterwaves
- Water Talk
- Water World
- Tapping In
- Waterways
- Watering Hole
- ADWR Mainstream

## We've Got MAIL!!

I would like to relay to you that the service provided by the **Records Management** group is exceptional. In particular, **Creola Lasky** and her staff are always efficient, courteous and generate timely reports. Ms. Lasky and her staff on more than one occasion have developed complex well queries and generated reports at 4:30 p.m. on Friday afternoons, which saved our clients time and money.

My congratulations to you and your staff for achieving such a high level of service for Arizona. — Chuck Cullom, Bookman-Edmonston, Phoenix.

TO: **Cassie Martin & Leslie Unangst**

The feedback from the participants at the Scottsdale American Association of University Women's 1999 Explorathon has been very gratifying. Many girls wrote of learning about careers they never knew existed.

It was your participation, the imaginative displays and hands-on exhibits that made it a success and we want to thank you for your preparation and participation. — Barbara Herbert, Marilyn Brooks, Explorathon AZ

TO: **Jim Holt**

I was so glad to see you at the Town Meeting in Paulden on Saturday the night of October 30th. You did such a great job answering some extremely difficult questions. I appreciate your professionalism and am glad you were there. The meeting was much "calmer" anticipated and handled

perfectly . . . Thank you for giving up your Saturday night to be present at this Town Meeting. — Gheral Brownlow, Yavapai County Supervisor

TO: **Alejandro Barcenas**

I would like to commend the SCAMA and ADWR for their extensive and competent work currently underway in addressing water issues in the Santa Cruz River basin.


The very informative, and frankly, exciting GUAC meeting helped clarify for me the extensive work being done by the SCAMA and the Department. The presentation of the Riverware modeling currently in progress by **Don Gross** and **Rich Burtell** (whose enthusiasm was contagious) indicates the commitment and impressive efforts being undertaken to identify the unique characteristics of the basin. These efforts will undoubtedly enable all of us to more effectively plan, simulate, and manage our water resources for the future.

**Herb Dishlip's** presentation on replenishment district concepts and the history of efforts in Arizona was very informative and encouraging.

For the record, Friends of the Santa Cruz River continues to be supportive of the SCAMA. — Nancy Valentine, Friends of the Santa Cruz River

TO: **Laura Grignano**

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the two hours of help you gave me. You sure do know your grandfathered rights! — Jennele Morris O'Hair, Vail, AZ



"We're extremely proud of Syndia Reeder and Marge Nunley," Director Rita Pearson said of ADWR's two new Certified Public Managers.

## Reeder, Nunley get CPM degrees

**Syndia Reeder** and **Marge Nunley** capped off years of work December 9 when they received Certified Public Manager degrees from Arizona State University.

"We are extremely proud of Syndia and Marge," said ADWR Director **Rita Pearson**. "I'm sure they feel gratified — as well they should — at having completed a pretty tough curriculum. It's further validation of the high quality of people who work at our agency."

Reeder and Nunley were among 80 graduates at the ceremony held at ASU Downtown. The CPM program is a national,



Syndia Reeder, Marge Nunley at CPM Graduation

professional certification program, recognized in 21 states. Coursework includes 300 hours of classes, exams, and projects over 18 to 24 months.

The CPM program is part of ASU's Advanced Public Executive Program.

"Government is in the midst of a dramatic transformation," said program director Peggy O'Sullivan-Kachel. "In these times of change, we honor those individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving their skills as public managers."

Since 1981, nearly 700 public managers have gone through the CPM program.

## TMPs are done

Right on schedule, the Third Management Plans for Arizona's five Active Management Areas are complete and ready to be viewed.

The final versions of the plans that will guide the Prescott, Phoenix, Pinal, Tucson, and Santa Cruz active management areas through the Third Management Period (2000-10) are posted on the ADWR Internet site.

Printed copies and CD-ROMs will be available in the next several weeks. They will be for sale through the ADWR Bookstore.



Shannon Reif, Gerard Silvani and Sheila Ehlers pause to digest at the Christmas Party

### Finalists for new newsletter name:

- Waterwaves
- Water Talk
- Water World
- Tapping In
- Waterways
- Watering Hole
- ADWR Mainstream

## Holiday verse

On the 12th day of Christmas, my supervisor showed to me:

Twelve technicians typing

Eleven employees exhausted

Ten phones a-ringin'

Nine folders flopping

Eight work baskets brimming

Seven files failing

Six screens a-smoking

FIIIIIVE days of work!

Four days of mail

Three customers cussing

Two copiers droning

And one

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TREE!!!!!!!!!!

— **Gloria Moss**





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# Director's Corner

By Rita P. Pearson, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

Nineteen ninety-nine is almost gone. We're as ready as we can be for the Millennium and whatever Y2K gremlins will visit ADWR. Christmas is here and gone, with all the joy and surprises of the occasion.

I want to thank all of the ADWR staff for everything you have done this year to make it an astonishing success. Do not think your work isn't being noticed. The high degree of professionalism and intelligence you bring to your jobs is something I hear about constantly from a wide variety of sources. It is a good feeling to know that, after six and a half years as director, we continue to become better at what we do.

The people of Arizona -- the 5 million who live here and the millions more who will come here in the next few decades -- need us to continue our work at a high level of expertise and dedication. We are charged with locating dependable sources of water for one of the fastest-growing areas in the United States -- which also happens to be one of the driest places on the continent.

That's the task ahead of us. I'm glad to be able to report on how well we've succeeded on a number of fronts. In preparation for ADWR's "sunset" hearing at the Legislature on December 8, I asked the senior staff to compile a list of agency accomplishments. The list is too long to print in its entirety, but here are some of them:

**Colorado River Management** -- ADWR's involvement has focused on the absolute need to protect Arizona's Colorado River supply and to protect our water users against decisions that eventually will cause shortages in the Lower Basin.

**Water Banking and Recharge** -- In the AWBA's first three years of operation it has developed 750,000 af of Underground Storage Credits for the future benefit of Arizona municipal users. To date, approximately 2 million acre-feet (af) have been stored in both direct underground storage projects and "in-lieu" projects.

**Indian Water Rights Settlements** -- ADWR is actively involved in a number of negotiations that will create greater certainty among the water using community and will eliminate the need for years of expensive litigation by individuals and the state.

**Rural Watershed Initiatives** -- ADWR is providing leadership and technical assistance as local interests work collaboratively to identify potential problems and solutions. The Governor and the Legislature have recognized the importance of this initiative by providing \$1.2 million over two years.

**Land Subsidence and Aquifer Storage Monitoring** -- Using survey grade GPS (Global Positioning System) equipment, ADWR has implemented a program of land subsidence and aquifer storage monitoring to increase our knowledge of some of the negative impacts of continued groundwater overdraft on the AMA's aquifer systems. The monitoring data will help calibrate and refine ADWR's groundwater models and assist in implementing new well and water use rules.

**State Standards For Floodplain Management** - ADWR staff has worked since 1994 to aid communities in reducing potential flood losses. Our work enables property owners to receive reduced rates for flood insurance. In addition, Arizona has the lowest "repeat" flooding claims in the nation. Winkelman Flats was a huge success story for Arizona in mitigating flood damages.

**Safe-Yield or Water Management Task Forces** - Task forces have been organized in each AMA to review progress on meeting water management goals. Descriptions of issues and recommended courses of action will be forwarded to a Governor's Water Management Commission in the near future.

**Third Management Plan** -- The Third Management Plan for each of the five AMAs was adopted on December 13. This Plan examines the regions water supplies, reviews progress on meeting management goals and implements conservation programs for water users.

**Prescott AMA** -- In January 1999, I made a final determination that the Prescott AMA was no longer at safe-yield. This resulted in the implementation of AWS rules requiring alternative water supplies for all new subdivisions.

**Tucson AMA** -- A volunteer committee of hydrologists and engineers formed by ADWR provided Tucson voters with a factual analysis that enabled Tucson voters to make informed choices on a ballot initiative that would have further limited Tucson's water options.

As I said, this was just a partial list of the tremendous accomplishments of the dedicated employees of ADWR. Thanks again for all your hard work. I hope you had a Merry Christmas. Have a very safe and Happy New Year!